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Subject: FW: Associated Press (DDL 11am Eastern tomorrow): Upper Animas watershed evaluation

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All,

Dan Elliott from AP is planning to do a story tomorrow morning saying the temporary plant is about to start up, and looking at possible longer-term solutions.

He says that when he asked CDPHE about "convening a conversation on long-term mitigation strategies," they seemed to know little about it.

He also mentioned our Sept. 23 response to one of his questions: "This system is temporary. Long term treatment will need to be decided after a more detailed evaluation of mine discharge sources in the Upper Animas watershed." He's asking if EPA is currently conducting a detailed evaluation of mine discharge sources in the area, or plans to conduct such an evaluation.

Can you help me develop a response? His deadline is 11am Eastern tomorrow, but can add info into the story after that if necessary. Please loop in as needed.

Thanks,

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